

# City of South Pasadena Environmental Newsletter

Winter 2016



## EPS ("Styrofoam") Ban

Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) is a light weight, petroleum-based plastic, commonly referred to as Styrofoam. EPS fails to biodegrade in landfills and easily crumbles to become a micro-plastic that can be ingested by wildlife. In an effort to reduce water pollution and the use of non-recyclable material, the City of South Pasadena recently adopted an EPS Ban. Starting December 15, 2017, merchants within South Pasadena will no longer provide EPS for dine-in and take-out foods.

## Used Oil

The City of South Pasadena is proud to have a used motor oil drop-off site at the Arco Station located at 1200 Fair Oaks Avenue (cross street is Monterey Road). Used motor oil and filters are accepted at the mechanic's building during their operating hours, 8 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday.



For more information on used motor oil recycling, visit [CleanLA.com](http://CleanLA.com) or call 888-CleanLA.

## Urban Forest

Your vote is needed regarding the Landscape and Lighting Maintenance District (LLMD), which funds the operation and maintenance of the City forestry, street lighting, traffic signals and median landscaping.

To learn more about the LLMD assessment go to [www.southpasadenaca.gov/LLMDUpdate](http://www.southpasadenaca.gov/LLMDUpdate)



**VOTE TODAY!**  
Ballots are  
due by  
January 18

## FREE Residential Water Audits

Is your yearly water usage higher than expected? Do you want to save water, but aren't sure what to do? Then our residential water audit program is right for you. Beginning in early 2017, residential customers can apply to have a representative from WaterSmart come to their property and perform a free water audit, either indoor, outdoor or both. Contact the Environmental Services Department at (626)403-7311 to apply. Applications will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. Properties with the highest water usage will be given priority for audit scheduling. Space is limited, so apply soon for this free program.

## Water Conservation Rebates

Although water restrictions have become more relaxed, we're not out of the drought yet. Take advantage of the water conservation rebates and make reaching our 20% reduction goal look easy.

Device	Rebate
<b>For the items below, apply at <a href="mailto:h2oRebates@southpasadenaca.gov">h2oRebates@southpasadenaca.gov</a></b>	
High Efficiency Toilet (1.28 gallons per flush)	\$100
Rotating Sprinkler Nozzle (15 minimum)	\$2 each
<b>For the items below, apply at <a href="http://socalwatersmart.com">socalwatersmart.com</a></b>	
Premium High Efficiency Toilet (1.1 gallons per flush)	\$190
High Efficiency Washer	\$250
Weather Based Irrigation Controller*	\$180/unit
Soil Moisture Sensor*	\$150/unit
Rotating Sprinkler Nozzle (30 minimum)	\$4/each
Rain Barrel (at least 50 gallon capacity)	\$35, limit 2
Cistern (200-500 gallon capacity)*	\$250

\*Additional rebates may exist

## Water Saving Devices Available for Residents

**\*buckets \*low flow showerheads \*hose nozzles \*faucet aerators**

Water saving devices are available at City Hall and FREE for South Pasadena residents! Use one of our handy buckets to collect and repurpose the water while your shower warms up, and save about 1,000 gallons a year. A low flow showerhead can save over 2,000 gallons a year.

These helpful devices can be picked up at City Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, 1414 Mission Street. One of each device per household, while supplies last. Visit [www.southpasadenaca.gov/water](http://www.southpasadenaca.gov/water) for more ways to conserve water.



## South Pasadena Beautiful Tree Planting Drive

As of Fall, the City of South Pasadena had 750 vacant tree wells. These are spaces where a tree once stood. It is important to act now to help reforest our Tree City USA by funding the planting of a tree.

Donors may choose a location close to their business or residence, or let the City plant where the need is greatest. Each tree is a \$195 donation. All donations made through South Pasadena Beautiful are 100% tax deductible and donors receive an annual SPB membership.

Together, planting one tree at a time, we can help keep South Pasadena beautiful. Go to [www.SouthPasBeautiful.com](http://www.SouthPasBeautiful.com) to take advantage of this great offer and help renew South Pasadena's urban forest.

## Plant a Parkway Garden

The rainy season is the perfect time to plant a garden in Southern California. The parkway, located between the street and sidewalk, is an easy-to-manage gardening space that increases your home's curb appeal. The parkway is often the last line of defense in storm water management, and a landscape design that encourages absorption of rainwater protects our watershed, and ultimately our oceans from pollution. Here are some guidelines and tips to help you get started:

- \* Continuous, hedge-like plants cannot be taller than 36" high
- \* A walkable path must be provided every 15' and must be at least 36" wide (including driveway)
- \* Must have a walkable strip of 18" adjacent to curb (including curb)
- \* Apply 3" of mulch to improve soil, reduce evaporation, and control weed growth
- \* Choose plants that are best for the area based on sunlight, water, and soil requirements
- \* Leave enough space between plants for full growth to reducing pruning needs
- \* Create elevations and depressions in the soil to direct water
- \* For resources on plant selection visit [www.calscape.org](http://www.calscape.org) or [www.bewaterwise.com](http://www.bewaterwise.com)



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## Know your Watering Days and Times

Restrictions are still in effect for overhead watering of landscapes. Sprinklers should be set to three days a week after 5 pm and before 9 am.

Addresses ending in an even number

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Addresses ending in an odd number

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday